London, 28th August 1854.

Rev S. May Junr

Dear Sir

I have much pleasure in forwarding you by our friend William Wells Brown a few copies of the pamphlet Report of the recent Anti Slavery Conference held at Manchester. Perhaps, as opportunity presents itself, you will kindly forward the directed pamphlets to the persons to whom they are addressed. If you incur any expense in doing so pray inform me that the Manchester Society may remit the money with their Contributions to the Boston Bazaar. —

I rejoice to say that our recent Meetings have been, in the highest degree, successful. They were, I trust, the commencement of a new era of revival and success, for the long prostrated Anti Slavery cause in this country. The need of our Meetings had long been felt, and their spirit justified our belief that, despite the existing apathy there is yet an important section of the British public which, if the right means were employed, would become actively engaged in the great and good work of Negro Emancipation. You may not have had the opportunity of observing the fact that not a few persons, and papers of influence regard our Meetings as the beginning of a new national movement. The London Patriot (an organ of the dissenters, edited by Josiah Conder) professes to find in that alleged fact the cause of the absence from our Conference of any representative of the British and Foreign Anti Slavery Society. Although we had no such object in view it is not improbable that

the supposition of Mr Conder may be realised.
We shall now await the issue of the
Conference of the B.&F. Society, which is
to be held in London sometime during
the month of November. Few persons
are sanguine or, I might say, deluded
enough to imagine that that Meeting
will effect a union between the
antiquated Committee of New Broad Street
and the Abolitionists of the Garrison
School. True, they might perhaps
agree to co-operate with each other
to a certain extent; but no union
of their forces could take place without
a Compromise;— and Compromises we
hate because they are mean, treacherous,
and enemies of the truth. An organization
of our own will, I believe, be the order
of the day with us after the November
Conference, unless an extraordinary light
should dawn upon New Broad Street.

Might I also, ask of you the
favour to forward to their destinations

the small parcels which I enclose in
your parcel. —

I am now in London for a few days spending my time as usu under the roof of our beloved frien George Thompson. We are about t cogitate over our plans for the Wint Please to present my kind regards to Mr Hovey and Mr McKim, both of whom I have the pleasure of knowing. —

In conclusion permit me to express my earnest sympathy with the devoted labours of yourself, an your fellow-workers in the sacre cause of human freedom. —

I am, dear Sir,
Yours very truly
Fred. W. Chesson.

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